things Mr Darcy's fees were hard and excessive, he in a very unseemly and unreverent manner * *tbou'd* * Sir George Barnes (who had used him with very moderate and friendly terms), preferring himself above the knight in birth and degree, which in good discretion and modesty he might have forborn Not content withal he suddenly strake Sir George with his fist on the face in most violent manner, wherewith the blood gushmg out and embrumg his face, his eye also was in great danger by the force of the stroke

Moreover Mr Darcy would hardly have escaped without great hurt and peril of his life, especially if his abuse and out-rage had been known to the apprentices and those dwelling thereabout, but the Lord Mayor thought good to dismiss him with all present speed and to be conducted part of his way before the fact was rumoured abroad

To-day the Lord Mayor maketh complaint to the Council of this injury towards an ancient Alderman of the City of London, begging them to take notice of it, and showing what great mischiefs and tumults might have arisen, especially seeing the original cause of Mr Darcy's negotiation was a thing not very grateful to the common sort of the City, nor, as he supposeth, to any other of her Majesty's subjects

i$th March A SPANISH NOBLEMAN SENT HOME

Don Pedro Valdes, a Spanish nobleman, that was taken prisoner at sea by Mr Richard Drake during the fighting in 1588, is given leave to depart A few days ago he was taken to Court by orders of the Queen and treated very handsomely, being visited by the Council, the nobles and the captains of ships All request, saith he, that when he shall reach the Spanish King's Court he will use his best offices in

favour of peace He was then taken to the City and entertained to a banquet by the Lord Mayor and the Aldermen Next day he visited the Lord Treasurer, who also pressed him to use his influence for peace The Lord Treasurer is now very ill, and the doctors give up hope of saving him

i6th'March MEASURES AGAINST THE BUTCHERS

When the Wardens of the Fishmongers* Company called on the butchers to appear before them, they withdrew themselves